

INS Status and Available Medical Coverage

You have received a notice saying that your medical coverage will end. If you are in group #1 or 2 below, contact your local Community Services Office (CSO or welfare office) to give them copies of your documents to keep your medical coverage! **If you are not in group 1 or 2, be sure to fill out a Basic Health application.**

Group 1.

If your INS status is one of the following, you can keep your DSHS medical coverage (regardless of when you came to the U.S.).



- U.S. citizens (including lawful permanent resident children of a citizen) and nationals (persons born in American Samoa, Swain's Island, and residents of the Northern Mariana Islands)
- Asylee
- Refugee
- People granted withholding of deportation or withholding of removal
- Lawful permanent residents who entered as Amerasian entrants
- Cuban or Haitian entrants
- Non-citizen Canadian-born American Indians

NOTE: If you are an asylee, refugee, or Cuban or Haitian entrant, you can keep your medical coverage even if you become a lawful permanent resident.

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Group 2.

You can keep your medical coverage if your status is one of the following AND you arrived in the U.S. before August 22, 1996. (It does not matter if you came with or without documents or a passport.)



- Lawful permanent residents
- People granted parole for at least one year (public interest parolees)
- People (and their children) who have submitted certain immigration applications and are victims of domestic violence
- Conditional entrants (classification for refugees prior to 1980 so all entered before 8/22/96)

NOTE: If you are a member of any of these groups **and** also a member or veteran of the U.S. armed forces (including spouses and unmarried dependent children) you can keep your medical coverage, regardless of when you entered.

AND: If you arrived in the U.S. **on or after August 22, 1996**, you can keep your medical coverage **if it has been five years since you got this status.**

Group 3.

Group 3. If you do **not** have a status listed in Group 1 or 2--for example, you are undocumented--you will not have DSHS medical coverage after September 30. Apply for Basic Health but also tell the welfare office if you are one of the following:

- Pregnant
- Have a medical emergency
- Incapacitated

